

Frequently Asked Questions:

What GPA do I need to graduate?

A minimum of 2.0 overall, and in your major. *Cognates count toward your major gpa.*

If I get a D in a Major class, does it count toward my major?

YES! For an upper level class, it is rarely beneficial to retake it. You need a 2.0 overall, not a minimum C in each class.

Grade Replacements: What do they mean, and should I do them?

They are ONLY for 1000 & 2000 level classes, retake the class if you can significantly improve the grade. If you are replacing a “D” it will not add any hours, which may affect financial aid and progress toward graduation.

Are there any “minimum” grades I should get?

Foreign Language 1002; you MUST get a C (minimum) to survive 1003, B is better. You walk into 1003, and the teacher is no longer speaking English. Period.

Does MATH 0001 OR 0045 count towards graduation?

No; if you have credit for it, subtract the two hours from your total hours.

Do I have to take MATH 1065?

NO. You may take MATH 1050 instead.

Can I get credit for a course in more than one category?

Minor classes may double count for general education (FC) if they normally receive FC credits; major classes may **not**. Courses taken for the major may generally not count for a minor as well. Some classes do not count towards two majors.

Can FC (general education) requirements in any category be met by taking courses all from the same department?

Natural Sciences (SC) requirements may be taken from one department; for Humanities & Fine Arts (H/FA) you need to have at least 1 hour from the humanities (philosophy, literature, etc.), and at least one hour from the Fine Arts (music, art, theatre, etc.); for Social Sciences (SO), you need to have 12 hours from at least three different fields (anthropology, economics, geography, history, etc.)

Does my military service count toward any general education requirements?

Yes; your DD-214 will place you out of both HLTH 1000 & EXSS 1000. Take it to admissions.

What do I have to do to graduate?

First you must complete all the requirements to graduate in your program; while you are working on that, schedule a meeting with the Political Science Undergraduate Director, Dr. Morris for a senior course audit. Also, do an exit survey and apply to graduate. In Political Science, all Senior Summaries are done with the Undergraduate Director.

What is a Senior Course Audit?

It is a review of your record to figure out what you still need to graduate.

When should I meet with Dr. Morris to conduct my Senior Course Audit?

You will be contacted by the department the year you plan to graduate, so that any problems that might arise may be fixed; if you expect to graduate in Spring you will be contacted in the Fall, *before early registration*. If you expect to graduate in the Summer, you should do the senior summary in the Fall. For December graduation, do the Senior Summary in the preceding Spring.

What do I do if I receive an email from the Registrar saying I can't graduate?

The email points out a problem with the Registrar's office found which would prevent you from graduating when you expected. Make an appointment to see your adviser immediately so that the problem may be addressed.

I finished all my required classes, why can't I graduate?

At a minimum, you must finish 120 total credit hours, with at least a 2.0 GPA, and half of those credits from a 4-year college, to graduate. Are you short on any of those?

What about courses at another school?

Grades from courses taken at another school do not transfer in, so you cannot use them to improve your GPA. You may not take courses elsewhere and transfer them back in if you have below a 2.0 GPA. If you want to take classes at another school, fill out the permission form, and take it to the Registrar's office.